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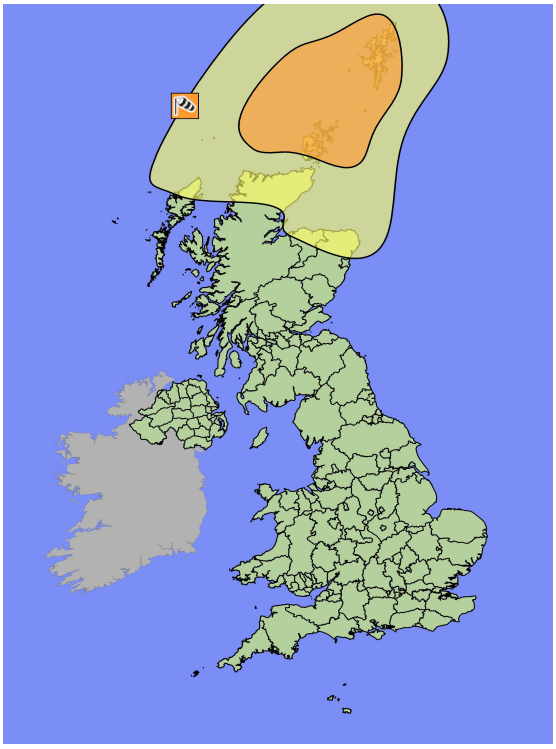

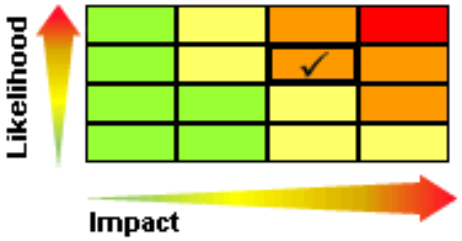

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A very energetic flow across the Atlantic will bring a deep low passing close to the Faeroe Islands on Christmas Day. A swathe of very strong winds on its southern flank will cross the far north of Scotland, though as always with features of this type, there is some uncertainty about its depth and track. There are some indications that winds could be especially strong across northern parts of Shetland. The public are advised to keep updated with the latest warnings.

The Met Office have issued an **Amber Warning** of **Wind**

Valid from **10:00 on Sun, 25th Dec 2011** until **21:00 on Sun, 25th Dec 2011**

West to southwesterly winds will increase across the north of Scotland on Christmas Day, with gusts of 80 to 90 mph likely across the Northern Isles, where there is a lower risk of as much as 100 mph in the north of Shetland. Over parts of northern mainland Scotland and the north of the Western Isles winds are expected to gust to 70 to 80 mph. The public should be prepared for the risk of disruption to transport and power, and of possible structural damage.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/uk_forecast_warnings.html

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